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## Cas Animal Cont'd

### Glenn and Shelly: Meet two heroes who don't just talk but walk the walk

Nearly every week for the past year THE MORNING NEWS has published articles about Kiki Arndt and her daily mission of rescuing and rehabilitating Aruba's stray, abandoned and abused dogs and cats. We are happy to report that it has resulted in a number of occasions when individuals have called her to adopt an animal, make a donation, or Kiki has found anonymous donations made to her bank account.

This week, she got a call from Glenn and Shelly Shankleton of Charlotte, North Carolina, owners and operators of the Paws and Perms Pet Salon. They have been coming to Aruba regularly for nearly 20 years, staying in their timeshare at the Aruba Beach Club, and report noticing the stray dogs and cats on a number of occasions, wondering how they could help in some way. "We were thrilled to read about Kiki in the paper so that we could do something tangible for the animals of Aruba; we want to give something back for the many wonderful vacations we



*Kiki with Glenn and Shelly Shankleton and Julian*

have had here."

Shelly and Glenn don't just "walk the walk" while on vacation; they are activists in their community for the rescue of strays, having taken 3 dogs and 4 cats into their home from the street. They have also

hosted drives to encourage others to also adopt a loving companion that will demonstrate its gratitude for a good home with undying loyalty and affection, rather than go for the fancy "designer dogs," as Shelly call them.

Shelly and Glenn are beginning their relationship with Kiki by making a very healthy payment on her substantial veterinary bill at Contraras Clinic; as kind as the clinic is about charging the minimum possible, the bills on bringing back to health the nearly 80 dogs and puppies and 38 cats Kiki has rescued and cares for in her home, is ever-mounting.

Shelly and Glenn also hope to rally support for Kiki's efforts to build a proper shelter for over 200 dogs and other animals on land already awarded her by the government for this purpose.

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## Cabinet Mike Eman members receive "Teal Ribbon" Symbolizing Alzheimer disease

Last week, President of Fundacion Alzheimer Aruba (FAA) - Aruba's Alzheimer Foundation Mr. Robby Croes paid a courtesy visit to the members of Cabinet Eman, where he presented them with a Teal Ribbon. Alzheimer Week began on

September 18 while today, September 21, is World Alzheimer Day. The Aruba Alzheimer Foundation has organized lots of events to raise awareness in the community regarding this disease.



## Dutch Queen Beatrix announces 18 billion euro cuts



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- In her annual address to parliament Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands outlined the government's plans for drastic budget cuts to cope with the persistent European debt crisis. The city of The Hague, Holland's political capital, witnessed the annual Budget Day ceremonies.

Queen Beatrix, accompanied by Crown Prince Willem Alexander and his wife Princess Máxima, rode through the historic center of the city from the Noordeinde palace to the Knights' Hall in the Golden Coach, as the royals do every third Tuesday in September.

Tens of thousands lined the route amid increased security, following last year's incident when an anti-royal activist threw a small tea-light glass and damaged the coach. Following the short ride through The Hague, the Queen addresses a joint session of both houses of parliament.

The monarch's speech, written by Prime Minister Rutte's center, outlined a raft of economies aimed at producing 18,000 million euros in savings. The national

budget deficit is expected to rise to 2.9 percent next year, just 0.1 below the limit set for euro currency countries like the Netherlands.

Individual households will experience a one percent reduction of their purchasing power in 2012. "The government is no longer able to soften the blows dealt by a shrinking economy," Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager wrote in the 2012 Budget.

There are also grounds for optimism, Queen Beatrix said. "Our starting position is positive. The government is looking forward to an involved and open exchange of views," she told the joint Upper and Lower House meeting in the Knights' Hall. "We would like to work with you towards solutions which are widely accepted."

The queen is officially part of the government, but she has no formal political role.

In the course of the afternoon, Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager presented the traditional suitcase containing next year's budget to the Lower House, followed by a general debate on the proposals.



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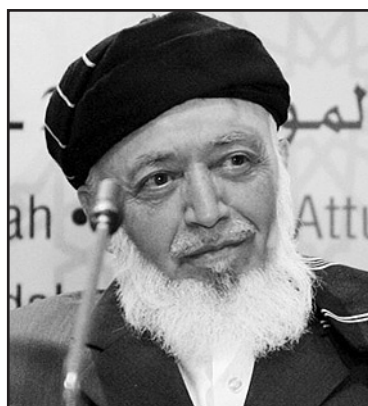
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## Karzai: Rabbani killing won't halt Afghan progress



NEW YORK (AFP) - Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Tuesday in his first reaction to the assassination of ex-president Burhanuddin Rabbani

that Afghans would not be deflected from their "path" towards peace.

Rabbani was an "Afghan patriot who sacrificed his life," Karzai said during talks with US President Barack Obama in New York hours after the former Afghan leader was killed by a Taliban suicide bomber in Kabul.

"This will not deter us from continuing down the path we have started," said Karzai, who also thanked Obama for his expressions of condolence.

Obama called Rabbani's death a "tragic loss" and "tragic news" as he met Karzai during his trip to New York for the United Nations General Assembly.

"He was a man who cared very deeply about Afghanistan."

"We both believe that despite this incident that we will not be deterred from creating a path whereby Afghans can live in freedom, safety, security and prosperity," Obama said.

Rabbani was killed at his Kabul home by a Taliban suicide bomber who had concealed explosives in a turban.

He was last year appointed chief of the Afghan High Peace Council that Karzai tasked with negotiating with the Taliban and his death is the most high-profile political assassination since the 2001 US-led invasion.

In the aftermath of the killing, Karzai's office announced that the president was cutting short his visit to the United States and returning to Afghanistan.

## Perry blasts Obama for 'dangerous' Mideast policy

NEW YORK (AFP) - Texas Governor Rick Perry slammed President Barack Obama's "appeasement" of Palestinians as dangerous and naive on Tuesday, in his first major foreign policy address since emerging as the top Republican White House hopeful.

Seizing on the diplomatic conflagration over UN recognition of Palestinian statehood, Perry blasted Obama for not being strong enough in his support of Israel and allowing the Palestinian bid to proceed.

Making his foreign-policy debut, Perry seemed stiff and awkward as he read from a prepared statement about the nuances of Mideast politics, in a sharp contrast to his usually relaxed speaking style.

But he made an impassioned appeal to Jewish voters, vowing to be a stalwart supporter of Israel if he succeeds in unseating Obama,

who has had a rockier relationship with Israel than other recent US presidents.

"As a Christian, I have a clear directive to support Israel," Perry told his audience, who included a number of bearded Orthodox Jews.

Besieged with questions after his speech, Perry even endorsed Israel's controversial policy of building Jewish settlements in the Palestinian territories.

Washington has considered the Israeli settlements illegal for more than 40 years, maintaining that position through both Democratic and Republican administrations, including that of George W. Bush.

Tensions over Mideast politics have flared this week as Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas is preparing to submit a bid for United Nations recognition of Palestinian statehood.

## Obama meets interim Libyan leader



UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - US President Barack Obama on Tuesday met Libya's interim leader Mustafa Abdel Jalil for the first time, and said the world would stand with his liberated country as it solidifies its freedom.

The president met the leader of the National Transitional Council on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, ahead of talks between the United States and its allies on Libya's future.

In the international meeting, Obama called on those fighters still supporting ousted leader Moamer Kadhafi to lay down their arms, warning that the NATO mission in the country would continue.

With the new Libyan flag flying over the United Nations building in New York, Obama also announced the return of the US ambassador to Tripoli and that the US flag would be raised again over a reopened American embassy.

"Today, the Libyan people are writing a new chapter in

the life of their nation. After four decades of darkness, they can walk the streets, free from a tyrant," he told the meeting, also attended by the country's interim leaders.

Credit for the "liberation of Libya, belongs to the people of Libya," he insisted, but stressed the international community was not pulling out yet.

"Libya is a lesson in what the international community can achieve when we stand together as one," he said.

"Important, too, is how this effort succeeded -- thanks to the leadership and contributions of many nations. The United States was proud to play a decisive role, especially in the first days, and then in a supporting capacity."

"This is how the international community should work in the 21st century."

But Obama said it was an international effort, paying tribute to the Arab League and to NATO, which led a military coalition of nearly 20 countries.

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## Department for Labor Progress Announces New Procedures

ORANJESTAD -- There are currently three departments within the Department for Labor Progress (DPL), namely, Job Center, Manpower Planning, and the department for Admissions.

The Department of Admissions is charged with providing advice regarding the petitions for the admission of foreigners. This Department is announcing that as of October 1st, 2011 there will be a new procedure in place for said foreign petitions for admission.

The new procedure dictates that every employer who submits a petition for admission to DPL either as a firsttime request for a foreign worker or for an extension of a permit or for any change on a permit, must also submit proof of capability, specific work knowledge and/or experience, all diplomas and certificates.

The only exception in this rule is for certain jobs like cleaning, etc.

One of the objectives of this ruling is to have a much better control on the entire process with respect to employing foreign workers on the island.

In this manner they can ensure that the best employees are being employed, and they can control if indeed and in fact the individual is truly capable for the job for which he is being admitted. DPL also emphasizes to all her clients that it is imperative that all documents be carefully and correctly filled in before submitting them. Documents not complete or faulty will not be handled... they will be returned to the employer.

To facilitate the process DPL has a special checklist attached to the admissions document, which explains all the requirements and documents needed. All forms are available at the front desk of DPL as well as on the web at [www.dpl.aw](http://www.dpl.aw) which can be easily downloaded.

## Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson - Looking Beyond the Boundaries for Bold Innovation

ORANJESTAD -- In a new normal of continues change, innovation has become sine qua non for survival and growth, and this is no different for academic institutions. Yet, unlike past innovations which took place in a relatively isolated perspective, today's innovation requires stretching out beyond traditional boundaries, especially for island states. International collaboration and academic networks have become the new driver in a knowledge-based economy. In light hereof, Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson, recently visited Washington DC to explore new possibilities of collaboration in the areas of international education and research. Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson holds the University of Aruba research chair in Institutional Capabilities for Island Innovation. "While this is my main field of research and scientific focus, I also know that we need to actively practice what we preach".

During his educational, research, and science mission to Washington DC, Prof. Peterson met with several institutions of international standing, including the George Washington University, the American University, the Organization of American States and Gallup.

At the George Washington University, Peterson met with Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, President Emeritus of the George Washington University and Professor of Public Service at the Stephen Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. In exploring their mutual interests in the areas of public policy and governance, Prof. Trachtenberg and Prof. Peterson discussed different avenues of public policy research between

Aruba and Washington, and joint educational initiatives, including seminars, workshops and professional exchanges.

These topics were also discussed with the American University, where Prof. Peterson met with Dr. Rebecca L. Bellinger, Director of International Programs at the American University. Of particular interest was the exchange of students in the areas of sustainable tourism research and education, and the possibilities of joint international programs in which students of both the American University and the University of Aruba would travel abroad to actively explore international sustainable tourism developments.

Looking beyond educational opportunities, and in line with his research chair responsibilities, and president of the National Council for Innovation and Competitiveness, Prof. Peterson met with the Organization of American States. In meeting with Mr. Jorge Saggiante, Executive Secretary for Development of the Americas, they discussed the importance and relevance of innovation and competitiveness for the sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean. Research on innovation and competitiveness, especially for small island states was deemed essential to move the innovation policy of the Caribbean forward.

The importance of innovation and competitiveness was also addressed during a meeting with Mr. Gerver Torres at the internationally renowned Gallup Institute in Washington DC. "Of particular importance to national innovation is the wellbeing of a nation's citizens and the community engagement herein. This holds espe-

cially for small island states with a service economy, such as Aruba's service economy". Torres and Peterson discussed the research agenda of the National Council for Innovation and Competitiveness, focusing on the role of employee engagement for innovation and service excellence. Torres explains that without employee engagement there can be no productivity improvement, especially in small states. According to Peterson, in today's dynamic environment, competitiveness is no longer about solely competing but also about building a strong community. More than service quality, we need to building service excellence. "This applies not only to our tourism economy, but even more so to our citizens and community".

"As a small island economy, it is our prime responsibility to build stronger institutional relationships, including social capital and community engagement and involvement. Herein, we need to focus on creating new knowledge, new relationships, and new networks of opportunities for realizing our destiny. We are the captains and stewards of our future. Small as may be, we are defined by our smarts and savvy!"

*Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson, PhD, MSc.*

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## Noord Residents get high praise from Government Officials!

NOORD -- During a recent Parliament meeting, Prime Minister Eman remarked that the weather change which took place a couple of weeks ago and caused quite some damage in the Noord area has presented new challenges for Aruba. This means that Aruba must be better prepared for similar situations in the future. The Prime Minister expressed concern for the terrible damage caused by the rains and winds that destroyed so many buildings and homes in Noord. He spoke of investigations that must be conducted to ascertain what exactly needs to be done to be better prepared.

Several Ministers were invited by Parliament to inform Parliament what exactly had transpired and what is the situation like today, and what is being done in Noord at this time.

The Prime Minister remarked that despite the fact that Aruba just recently acquired new equipment to alert us about the weather, it has been demonstrated that there is yet quite a lot of work to do in this area.

Eman indicated that it is extremely important that we be well prepared for moments such as what we just went through in Noord. The Prime Minister had words of praise for the service clubs who stepped in and offered their assistance. He was also very pleased that Parliament is

showing a willingness to lend their cooperation as far as that is possible.

Eman said that it is imperative that we implement some other structure to help alert us more timely in the event of such natural phenomena. The systems we now have in place are inadequate. It means that we will have to invest in new and more sophisticated equipment. We are currently dependent on Curacao, but the information may take too long to be disseminated in the event of an imminent change of weather. The past bad weather, which beamed down on Aruba, is something that happens much faster than, for example, a hurricane. To upgrade our warning system will require an investment of about half a million Florins, which he claims will be added to the national budget so that the necessary equipment may be purchased.

Minister of Infrastructure Benny Sevinger was especially grateful for the spontaneous assistance received by different institutions and service clubs, who up to today are still providing support and assistance with respect to the situation which followed the disaster in Noord. They decided not to wait for the insurance companies to step in and evaluate how they will attend to the damages incurred. DOW experts stepped in and prepared a report to identify what

must be done for the damaged homes so that they can be inhabited again the soonest possible. That work has a price tag, and they are now contemplating from where they will draw the funds for that undertaking. If need be, they will approach Parliament for a supplementary budget, according to Minister Sevinger.

Some of the expenses incurred involved the removal of asbestos roofs, which will cost about 40 thousand Aruban florins. The renovation of the Washington School will cost more than 300 thousand Aruban florins. With respect to Santa Anna School it will require a total renovation and will cost a whopping 5.5 million Arubsan florins. If they include the sports facilities that would require an additional 2 million Aruban florins. All in all there was high praise for the residents of Noord for the calm and reassuring manner in which they responded to the devastating situation and for the marvelous support the residents received from our service clubs and other organizations!

## SETAR N.V. continues with its Digital Cable upgrading process in Paradera and Sta. Cruz



SEROE BLANCO – SETAR N.V. announces to its subscribers that the Digital Cable Service is in the process of changing its electronic guide for a new service called "Passport Guide."

On Thursday, September 22, the process continues at 12.01 am (Wednesday midnight) in Paradera and on Friday, September 23 at 12.01 am (Thursday midnight) in Santa Cruz.

This means that all Digital Cable clients in Paradera must leave their boxes ON on September 21 and in Sta. Cruz on September 22 when going to bed to ensure the changes.

At the end of the process the new guide will appear au-

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SETAR will continue announcing the dates and hours of the upgrading transitions for each neighborhood.

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## Cas Animal Cont'd . . .

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"When the construction starts, we are going to sponsor a kennel in the name of our beloved dogs Jasper and Brandi, rescued Golden mixes we lost to cancer not long ago," explains Shelly. She and Glenn are also supporters of the National Canine Cancer Association in the U.S.

You too can help Kiki by calling her at: 565-2130 or 742-8732 to make a donation or report a stray or injured dog, as she maintains an Animal Ambulance to rescue them. Her expenses for feeding all the animals she has taken in are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills, and donations can be made by paying on her account at the Contreras Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, as well as directly to the bank account of Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. If you wish to adopt a dog, Kiki will assist you in the process, as

it is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than you might think. If not one of the many cute puppies she has needing a good home, than perhaps a lovable stray you may have befriended on the beach or streets.

On Saturday, October 1, is a major fundraising event for the new shelter: A golf tournament at the Tierra Del Sol Golf Course and Country Club. It is a 2 person scramble beginning at 12:30 PM including award dinner and bar afterwards. To sign up, contact the TDS Pro Adam Williamson at e-mail: [adam.williamson@tierradel-sol.com](mailto:adam.williamson@tierradel-sol.com) or call 586-0978. Tickets for the fundraising 2-hour after party around the Ventanas Del Mar pool deck with drinks and snacks are only \$20; doors open at 6:00 PM.

*by Rosalie Klein*



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## Fly Aruba welcomes their first Airbus 320

Executives of Aruba's newest airline, Fly Aruba, along with island dignitaries, gathered at the Reina Beatrix International Airport on Wednesday evening, September 14, to welcome the first of 5 commercial passenger jets which will comprise their new fleet.

The arriving Airbus 320 holds 150 passengers and once the airline received their full certification from Aruba's Civil Aviation Agency, Fly Aruba will provide service from Aruba to various destinations in the Caribbean, Latin and Central America, Europe and the United States. This is



Francisco Javier González with flight crew Patrick and Gregory Croes. (photo courtesy of Hubert Thiel)



The glamorous, elegant look of Fly Aruba

predicted to come about in early 2012. The inaugural arrival included a tribute to local aviation pioneer Harold Oduer; who the airline describes as "an example of those who inspired the establishment of modern aviation traffic in this region of the Caribbean." He was selected to christen the newly arrived plane and received a plaque of appreciation for his contributions to the local aviation industry.

The new plane came in from Fort Lauderdale, Florida with the President of Arevenca Group, the owners of Fly Aruba, Francisco Javier



Juni Richardson, Chief Pilot; Jorge de Cuba, Director Ground Operations; and Marcelo Kock, Account Mgr.

González on board. He stated upon arrival that Fly Aruba is dedicated to providing a complete, premium service to its patrons deploying the most up to date technology; passengers will have the ultimate in safety enhanced with a glamorous and stylish experience.

The multinational Arevenca group is pleased to have chosen Aruba as its home base of their Caribbean operation, and is "determined to have it managed entirely by Aruban personnel. We are forging this alliance because we believe in the confidence, development,

economic stability and defined rules and laws that Aruba offers, which will guarantee success to investors and the viability of such an initiative".

Present during the welcome reception were company officers Marcelo Kock, Accountable Manager, Jorge de Cuba, Director of Ground Operations, Franklin Rodriguez, Press chief and Juni Richardson, Chief Pilot. Fly Aruba Flight Director Patrick Croes captained the flight with Gregory Croes as co-pilot to Aruba from the United States.

by Rosalie Klein



## SCI-TECH

# Humanity falls deeper into ecological debt: study



PARIS (AFP) - Humankind will slip next week into ecological debt, having gobbled up in less than nine months more natural resources than the planet can replenish in a year, researchers said Tuesday.

The most dominant species in Earth's history, in other words, is living beyond the planet's threshold of sustainability, trashing the house it lives in.

At its current pace of consumption humankind will need, by 2030, a second globe to satisfy its voracious

appetite and absorb all its waste, the report calculated.

Earth's seven billion denizens -- nine billion by mid-century -- are using more water, cutting down more forests and eating more fish than Nature can replace, it said.

At the same time, we are disgorging more CO<sub>2</sub>, pollutants and chemical fertilizers than the atmosphere, soil and oceans can soak up without severely disrupting the ecosystems that have made our planet such a comfortable place for homo sapiens to

live.

Counting down from January 1, the date when human activity exceeds its budget -- dubbed "Earth Overshoot Day" -- had receded by about three days each year since 2001.

The tipping point into non-sustainability happened sometime in the 1970s, said the Oakland, California-based Global Footprint Network, which issued the report.

This year, researchers estimate that the equivalent of Earth's resource quota will be depleted on September 27.

"That's like spending your annual salary three months before the year is over, and eating into savings year after year," Global Footprint Network President Mathis Wackernagel said in a statement.

"Pretty soon, you run out of savings."

Even as Earth's capacity to host our ever-expanding species diminishes, the demands on "ecosystem services" -- the term scientists use to describe Nature's bounty -- continues to grow.

"From soaring food prices to the crippling effects of climate change, our economies are now confronting the reality of years of spending beyond our means," Wackernagel said.

## Google+ social network opens to the world

(AFP) -- Google opened its Google+ social network to the world on Tuesday, dropping the need for an invitation to join the Internet giant's rival to Facebook.

"For the past 12 weeks we've been in field trial, and during that time we've listened and learned a great deal," Google senior vice

president of engineering Vic Gundotra said in a blog post.

"We're nowhere near done, but with the improvements we've made so far we're ready to move from field trial to beta... Anyone can visit google.com/+, join the project and connect with the people they care about."

The announcement came as part of a list of the 10 latest improvements Google is making to the social network it launched in an invitation-only test format on June 28.

Enhancements to Google+ included letting members take part in video-chat "Hangouts" using camera-enabled smartphones or tablet computers, or broadcast video presentations to groups of watchers using "Hangouts On Air."

Google said it has also woven its Internet search expertise into the social network by adding a query box.

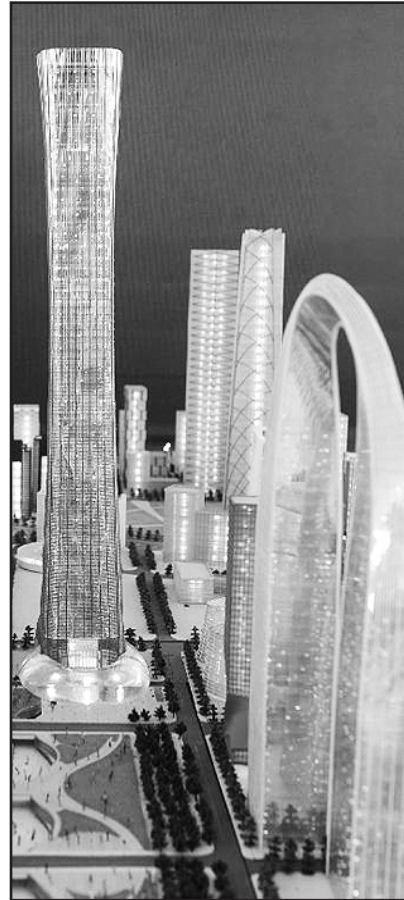
"Google+ is still in its infancy, of course, but we're more excited than ever to bring the nuance and richness of real-life sharing to software," Gundotra said.

"Over the next day we'll be rolling out all of these features globally," he said.



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## Beijing breaks ground on city's tallest skyscraper



**a building model of the city's tallest skyscraper in Beijing**

BEIJING (AFP) - Construction has started on Beijing's tallest skyscraper, set to rise 500 metres and shaped like a vase, the state-owned CITIC group said Tuesday.

The building is the latest in a surge of ambitious construction projects in the Chinese capital, which along with other cities in China is attracting cutting-edge international architects keen to push design boundaries.

A groundbreaking ceremony on the planned 500-metre (1,650-foot) tall China Zun tower, named after a type of traditional Chinese wine vessel, took place in Beijing Monday, a spokesman for CITIC, the building's developer, told AFP.

The state-owned investment giant said the tower would be both its office building and a tourist attraction.

It would feature the latest energy-saving technology, and the top floor would encourage sight-seeing from a platform and have a cafe with panoramic views, CITIC told the state-run Global Times.

Online pictures of a model of the tower show a slender glass and steel structure that appears to have an observation platform on the roof and a central atrium at the top of the building.

It will be built just a stone's throw from the 330-metre-tall China World Trade Center Tower 3, Beijing's current tallest building.

In the run-up to the Beijing Olympics, the capital added buildings such as the ultra-modern opera house -- a rounded titanium and glass structure -- by French architect Paul Andreu, and the 90,000-seat "Bird's Nest" stadium.

The soaring, cantilevered China Central Television Tower by Dutch architectural wunderkind Rem Koolhaas -- described as one of the most daring pieces of architecture ever attempted -- was also built to much acclaim.

Renowned British architect Norman Foster, meanwhile, who designed Terminal 3 at Beijing's international airport, is also building CITIC Bank headquarters in the eastern city of Hangzhou.

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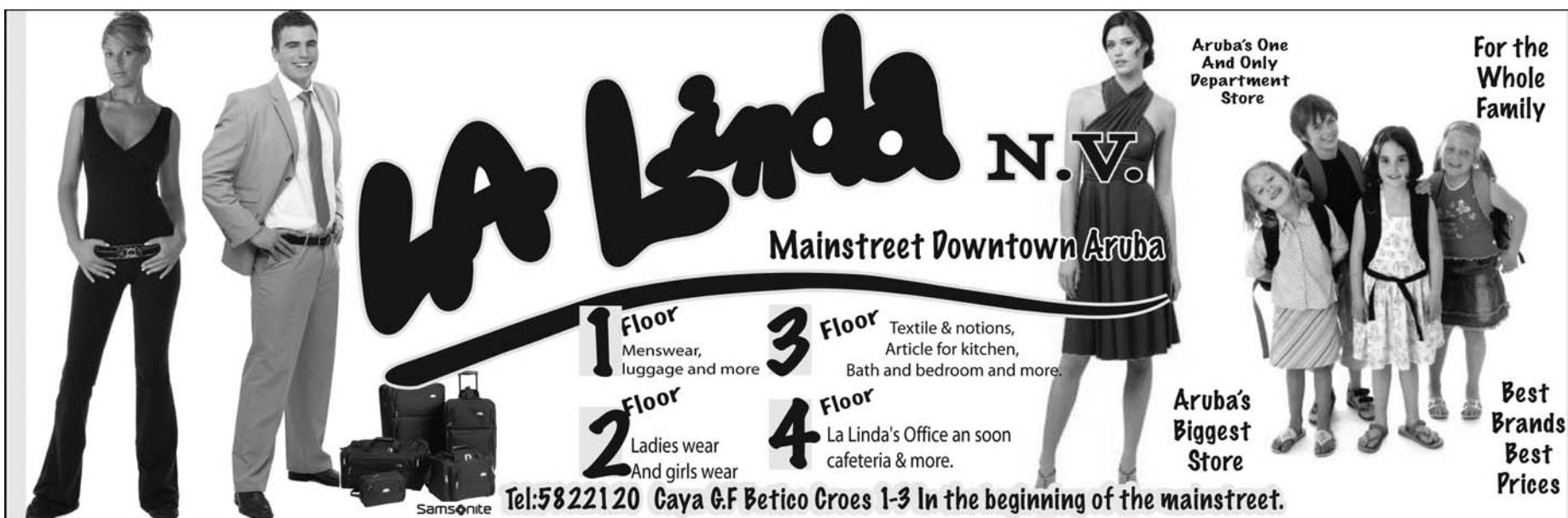
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## Health & Living

# Secret to shark health could fight human viruses

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Sharks are primitive creatures but their bodies produce a sophisticated substance that shows promise in fighting a range of human viruses from hepatitis to yellow fever, researchers said.

The compound, called squalamine, was discovered in 1993 but the study in the Proceedings of the National Academies of Sciences is the first to explore its potential use against human viruses.

Researchers tested squalamine -- manufactured from dogfish sharks' livers -- in lab dishes and in animal subjects and found it could inhibit or control viral infections, and in some cases appeared to cure animals of their ills.

The project began when lead investigator, Michael Zasloff, professor of surgery and pediatrics at Georgetown University Medical Center, sent samples of squalamine to a series of labs around the United States for testing.

Squalamine has been synthesized in a lab since 1995 and is no longer extracted directly from shark tissue. Tissue cultures showed it could "inhibit the infection of human blood vessel cells by the dengue virus and human liver cells infected with hepatitis B and D," said the study.

Research on animals showed the compound controlled yellow fever, Eastern equine encephalitis virus, and murine cytomegalovirus, a type of herpes virus that afflicts rodents.

Squalamine is safe for humans and has been considered a potential tool against cancer and eye diseases, and some clinical trials for those targets are ongoing. Zasloff discovered squalamine in 1993 and is also known for his research on the natural antibiotic properties of frog skin.

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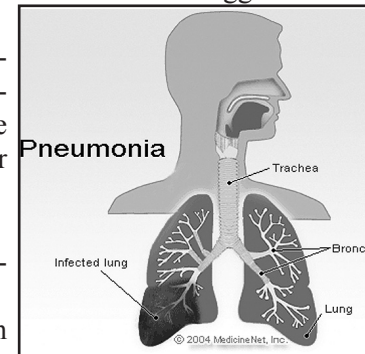
### Avoid Contracting Pneumonia

Pneumonia is a bacterial or viral respiratory infection that's characterized by lung inflammation. It can be life-threatening, especially to the young, the elderly and to people with chronic health problems.

The University of Maryland Medical Center suggests how to help prevent pneumonia:

- Wash your hands often, especially after you use the toilet, change a diaper, prepare or eat food, or blow your nose.
- Don't smoke.
- Get vaccinated for pneumonia and flu.
- Children also should get an Hib vaccine.

• In some children younger than 24 months, the drug palivizumab may be prescribed to help avoid pneumonia as a complication from another respiratory condition.



## Marijuana blocks PTSD symptoms in rats: study

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Marijuana administered in a timely fashion could block the development of post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms in rats, a new study conducted at Haifa University has found.

The study, which was conducted by researchers at the university's psychology department and published in the Neuropsychopharmacology journal, found that rats which were treated with marijuana within 24 hours of a traumatic experience, successfully avoided any symptoms of PTSD.

In the first part of the experiment, rats were exposed to extreme stress, and were found to display symptoms resembling PTSD in humans.

They were then divided into four groups, with the first given no marijuana, the second given a marijuana injection two hours after being exposed, the third after 24

hours and the fourth after 48 hours.

The researchers examined the rats a week later and found that the group that had not received marijuana, as well as the one that received the injection after 48 hours, displayed PTSD symptoms and a high level of anxiety.

Although the rats in the other two groups also displayed high levels of anxiety, the PTSD symptoms had totally disappeared.

"This shows that the marijuana administered in the proper 'window of time' does not erase the experience, but can help prevent the development of PTSD symptoms in rats," Akirav said.

"We also found that the effects of the cannabinoids were mediated by receptors in the amygdala area of the brain, known to be responsible for mediation of stress, fear and trauma," she noted.



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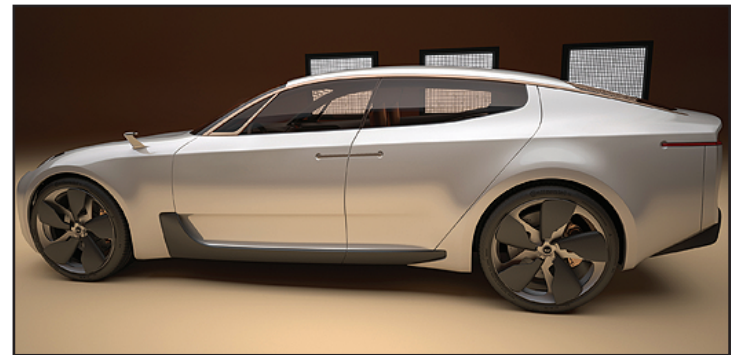
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## World Premieres for Kia at Frankfurt Motor Show



- World premiere of all-new Kia GT concept car
- World premiere of three-door hatchback Kia Rio

Kia Motors celebrated two world premieres at the 64th Internationale Automobil-Ausstellung (IAA) in Frankfurt, Germany. The powerful, dynamic and forward-looking Kia GT concept car, which signals the company's distinctive new design direction, will be unveiled alongside the new three-door hatchback version of the all-new Rio.

The Kia GT takes center stage on Kia's stand as Chief Design Officer Peter Schreyer reveals the sleek and muscular four-door sports sedan with a rear-wheel drive layout - a first for Kia.

"No matter from which perspective you look at the Kia GT, it is roaring with energy and ready for take-off," says Peter Schreyer. "I believe this concept car is a strong statement from Kia that we are ready to fast-forward to an all new chapter."

The 4,690 mm long concept has the classic front-engine, rear-wheel drive layout of a high performance sedan which ensures very different proportions from a front-wheel drive car. The new concept allows Kia to explore exciting new visual paths - with an extended bonnet, the front wheels pushed to the very front of the car, the cab-rearward stance with powerful rear shoulders and a truncated rear end.

Around the world, the five-door hatchback and four-door sedan versions of Kia's all-new Rio are already generating positive reviews in the press, and strong demand from customers. Now, the ap-

peal of Kia's latest model will expand even further with the introduction of the company's first-ever three-door hatchback Rio in selected markets. Designed primarily to attract younger buyers to Kia for the first time, the three-door Rio will boost conquest sales after its introduction during the first quarter of 2012.

New Rio three-door has the same dimensions as the five-door model (length 4,045 mm, width 1,720 mm, height 1,455 mm and wheelbase 2,570 mm) and retains the same low roofline, emphasizing its sporty stance.

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The Women's Club of Aruba has great news, in announcing that their Annual Fundraiser this year will be something special! "It's Raining Men"; an all male fashion show with various personalities of our community.

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Should you want additional information, please contact Mrs. Adelaida Ponson, Chairman of the

Ways & Means Committee of the Women's Club of Aruba at 594 5367.

## Minister Otmar Oduber officially opens Quota's "Silence Shatter Week"



ORANJESTAD -- On Monday, September 19, Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber officially opened the "Shattered Silence Week" event conducted annually by the Aruba chapter of Quota International with the cooperation of the FEPO offices in Eagle. FEPO is the local foundation for the hearing impaired.

The minister expressed words of encouragement for

this tremendous yearly event where Quota members try to instill awareness among islanders to take proper care of their hearing.

He mentioned the various awareness campaigns conducted throughout the year by Quota members, among them Carnival season when Quota members walk alongside the Carnival route giving away earplugs to participants and bystanders,



especially the children.

According to Minister Oduber, it was an honor to stand in for Minister of Health, Richard Visser, while expressing words of praise to Quota members for a job well done and encouraging them to continue in their effort to help the Aruban community.

After his speech, Minister Oduber officially declared the Shattered Silence Week open, and invited the whole community to test their hearing and to act with caution to prevent hearing loss. The tests can be done at FEPO in Eagle or at the SVB in San Nicolas.

After the opening ceremony, Minister Oduber underwent a hearing test.

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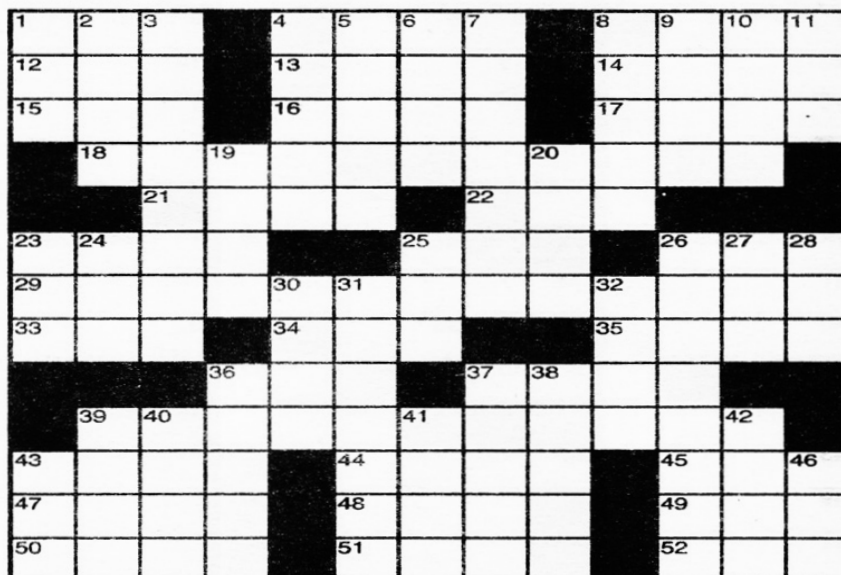
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## ACROSS

1. None too bright
4. Vivacious
8. Grant of "Father Goose"
12. George's lyrical brother
13. African shrub
14. "On the Waterfront" director Kazan
15. Peace, in Pamplona
16. She played Gilda
17. Inbox platform
18. Part of MMQB
21. Subterfuge
22. Lifeboat item
23. Awaken rudely
25. DeLuise of "Burke's Law"
26. "The Cruel"
29. GI's provider
33. Football positions: abbr.
34. Outback bird
35. Sentry's command
36. French month
37. "New Look" name
39. Musical symbol
43. "Venus in \_\_\_\_" (Velvet Underground)
44. Greenish blue
45. Was in the NYC

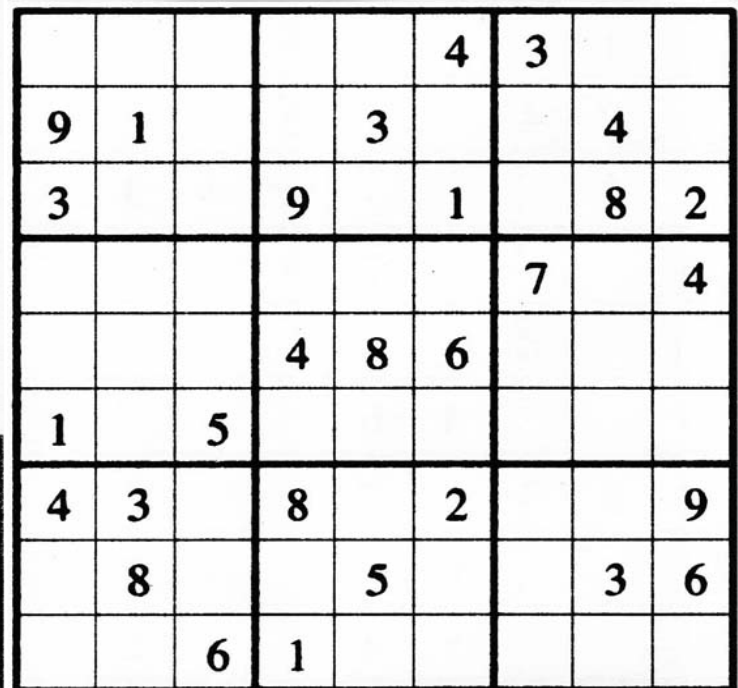
## DOWN

1. Dunk
2. Neighbor of Syria
3. Lively Polish dances
4. Young salmon
5. The silver spoon set
6. Surf's sound
7. High Street establishment
8. Anti-moth wood
9. Billy Baldwin's brother
10. Game of world conquest
11. Tibetan pack animal
19. Violinist Leopold
20. Southern state, informally
23. Alphabetic trio
24. Gone
25. Actress Joanne
26. Voyage of the "Enterprise"
27. Sushi menu's unagi
28. Louvre offering
30. Saline drop
31. Gave forth
32. "Scram!"
36. Billiards shot
37. Sink hole
38. Cove
39. Participate in the Great American Smokeout
40. Compulsion
41. Architect Eliel's son
42. Mansard's margin
43. Monk's title
46. Word heard on the Hill



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## Sudoku



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## Finance

## IMF warns global economy in danger zone

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The global economy has entered "a dangerous new phase," with a recovery that is much weaker than was predicted just months ago, the International Monetary Fund warned Tuesday.

Cautioning that Western economies could very well fall back into recession -- with serious knock-on effects for the rest of the globe -- the IMF cut its growth forecasts for the global economy to 4.0 percent for 2011 and 2012.

In its twice-yearly World Economic Outlook report, the IMF predicted growth would be patchy across the developed and developing world.

The global economy, which rebounded in 2010 following the 2008-2009 Great Recession, has been dragged down by persistent debt and deficit problems in advanced

economies, particularly the United States and the eurozone, it said.

Emerging market economies that have been the recovery's driving force, such as China and India, will not escape unscathed from the weakness in the advanced economies, the Washington-based lender said.

Fiscal and financial uncertainty gathered steam in August, roiling financial markets as investors watched political gridlock in Washington over US debt and deficits and the spreading Greek debt crisis in the eurozone.

The United States, the world's largest economy, suffered the most notable downgrade -- about a percentage point -- with gross domestic product growth estimated at 1.5 percent this year and 1.8 percent in 2012.

For the 17-nation eurozone, GDP growth was projected to slow by about a half point, to 1.1 percent in 2012.

Japan's economy is rebounding from the March earthquake-tsunami disaster, the IMF said, and is expected to contract 0.5 percent this year, less than previously estimated, before clocking in 2.3 percent growth in 2012.

For emerging and developing economies, the IMF said that capacity constraints, policy tightening and slowing foreign demand would result in slightly slower growth of 6.1 percent in 2012.

China will continue to lead with a 9.0 percent expansion next year.

Growth downgrades were nearly universal, from Russia, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa to the Middle East and North Africa.

## UAW hails 6,500 new jobs in GM contract

DETROIT (AFP) - The United Auto Workers said Tuesday it succeeded in bringing back jobs from Mexico in a new contract with General Motors, which the union expects to serve as the basis for talks with Chrysler and Ford.

The 6,500 new jobs created in the United States as a result of the deal are desperately needed amid a deep economic downturn and will help the UAW rebuild its membership rolls after decades of mass layoffs and downsizing.

"Two years ago, GM and Chrysler were hanging by a thread when President (Barack) Obama stepped in

and invested federal funds to help turn the companies and the US auto industry around, protect the auto supplier base and keep good-paying jobs in America," UAW president Bob King said.

"This tentative contract provides jobs for UAW members who have been laid off over the last several years, creates thousands and thousands of new jobs for communities in desperate need of work, and brings production back to the United States that had been moved to Mexico and other parts of the world."

The contract -- GM's first since emerging from a govern-

ment-backed bankruptcy in 2009 -- also included bonus money, lump sum and incentive pay totaling about \$12,000 per union member over the four-year term of the agreement.

GM succeeded in holding the line on wages for the 96 percent of workers who are considered "senior" and collect \$29 per hour.

Newer workers will see their hourly wage rise from \$14.78 to \$18.28 by the final year of the contract.

It was endorsed unanimously by top union officials and must now be ratified by members.

## In about-face, EU says banks may need capital boost

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Commission warned on Tuesday that more banks may need a capital boost to cope with the eurozone debt crisis, reversing course after rebuffing the IMF on the health of lenders.

European Union Competi-

tion Commission Joaquin Almunia said he would propose later this year to extend rules that were put in place during the 2008 financial crisis to enable governments to provide state aid to their banks, if necessary, beyond this year.

Brussels had previously rebuffed calls by IMF chief Christine Lagarde for an urgent recapitalisation of European banks, with EU officials saying stress tests on their ability to withstand future crises showed most were adequately funded.

The services of EU Economic Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn insisted recently that European banks were better capitalised than a year ago.

The IMF, in a report on the world economy that coincided with Almunia's remarks, repeated its concerns on Tuesday with a warning that European banks were "heavily exposed" to countries facing rising borrowing costs.

IMF chief economist Olivier Blanchard later said that "it seems there's been a 180 degree turnaround in a series of countries in response to our analysis," in comments made on France 24 television.

Some EU finance ministers echoed the IMF's concerns at a weekend meeting in Wroclaw, Poland, focused on the debt crisis, with Spain's Elena Salgado and Sweden's Anders Borg calling for a recapitalisation.

The ministers, however, failed to iron out differences over a new rescue package for Greece despite mounting market expectations that the country will default on its debt.

Leading central banks took

action last week to inject dollars into European banks struggling to raise US currency from lenders wary of their exposure to the crisis.

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The benefits of this beach include the lack of waves and that nearby waters are shallow enough to stand. The water in the deeper areas, as well as around the rest of Aruba, is cool and refreshing year-round. There is a large Valero

oil refinery within sight of Baby Beach. However, because of the direction of local currents, Baby Beach still has very clean, clear water. In the past, Baby Beach's popularity led it to become somewhat littered. However, clean-up programs have largely restored the beach to a pristine condition.

The water level is generally waist high on the inside, but towards the inlet, it deepens significantly. Marine life includes barracuda, squid, parrot fish, blowfish, angel fish, eels, snakes and a lot of other small fish, although the range of most of these animals is limited to the inlet.



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## Director wishes Japan could recover all lost in quake

SAN SEBASTIAN (AFP) - Japanese director Hirokazu Koreeda said Tuesday if he was granted one wish it would be that his country would "recover everything" lost in March's earthquake and tsunami.

"In our daily lives there are important things that we sometimes forget, that we miss and do not realise their importance," Koreeda said at the showing of his film "I Wish" at the San Sebastian film festival. "In March the earthquake

and tsunami in Japan caused many people to lose these things. My wish is that we could recover everything we lost in March," the 49-year-old added when asked what he would request if granted one wish.

"I Wish", one of 16 films in the official selection for the Golden Shell prize at the San Sebastian festival which wraps up on Saturday, tells the story of two young brothers who live in different cities because of their parents' divorce and dream of reuniting.

They believe that if they make a wish when two bullet trains pass each other on a new line linking their two hometowns, it will come true.

"My parents did not divorce but they got along badly, so I

understand the feelings of children whose parents are separated or who have a horrible relationship," Koreeda said.

"I made the movie for adults to enjoy, but it is also true that I usually make my films directed at a specific person. My previous film 'Still Walking' was dedicated to my mother and this one I made for my daughter, who is four so she can see it in the future. This is why it has a softer image."

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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Legendary comic Bob Hope's wife Dolores died Monday of natural causes aged 102, eight years after her husband's death at 100, a family spokesman said. Born Dolores DeFina, she was a singer when she married Hope in 1934 but left showbiz to raise their four adopted children, and spent 69 years with him before his death in 2003.

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## Toms receives PGA Stewart Award



ATLANTA (AFP) - American David Toms, the 2001 PGA Championship winner, was named Tuesday as the winner of the 2011 Payne Stewart Award presented annually by the US PGA Tour for off-the-course efforts.

Toms, competing in the season-ending Tour Championship starting Thursday, helped rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina struck his native Louisiana. His foundation has worked for nearly a decade to help needy youth.

"This is one of the best honors in golf and I am truly grateful to be the recipient," Toms said. "The fact that this recognizes so many different attributes is very humbling."

Stewart, who died in 1999, was devoted to charity efforts and love of golf traditions. The award began the following year with recipients having included Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Byron Nelson, Tom Watson, Gary Player and Nick Price.

"For years, David Toms has epitomized everything that the Payne Stewart Award represents," PGA commissioner Tim Finchem said.

"From his professionalism on the golf course to his compassion for others off of it, it is hard to think of a more fitting recipient."

## Djokovic could miss Shanghai masters and China Open: media



BELGRADE (AFP) - Serbia's Novak Djokovic, the world tennis number one seed, has a back injury and

hinted to a Serbian paper Tuesday that he might miss the China Open and the Shanghai ATP masters 1000 in October.

"I have a partial tear of a (back) muscle which needs rest (...) it is hard to say how much time off I need after only one exam, we will determine that in the days to come," Djokovic told the sports daily Sportske Novosti.

"What is certain is that I will not endanger my health to play in one or two tournaments," he was quoted as saying.

The world number one added that he would have to recuperate between three and six weeks which would see him cancel the China open and the Shanghai masters which are both played in early October.

Last Saturday in the deciding fourth match of the Davis Cup match against Argentina in Belgrade Djokovic was forced to concede the rubber against Juan Martin Del Potro because of the injury, which also played up during his US Open final win over Rafael Nadal.



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## Wizards' Seraphin signs for Vitoria

PARIS (AFP) - Washington Wizards' forward-centre Kevin Seraphin has signed with Spanish club Vitoria until the end of the NBA lockout, the Euroleague confirmed Tuesday.

The 21-year-old French Guiana player impressed after getting a late call-up to the European championships where France finished runners-up.

He was under contract with Cholet, where he began his career, but preferred to play for Vitoria, which will allow him to compete in the Euroleague.

NBA club owners im-

posed the shutdown just over two months ago after being unable to sign a new collective bargaining agreement with players. They seek a tight salary cap to promote parity and cut expenses, saying only eight of 30 teams make money.

As a result of the lockout, many NBA players are looking for provisional contracts in Europe with New Jersey Nets' playmaker Deron Williams joining Besiktas Istanbul and Dallas' Spanish international winger Rudy Fernandez signign for Real Madrid.

## No Tiger, no problem for PGA, Finchem says

ATLANTA (AFP) - The US PGA Tour has weathered the worst of ongoing global economic struggles well despite a 22-month win drought for Tiger Woods, tour commissioner Tim Finchem said on Tuesday.

A new nine-year US television network deal announced three weeks ago should secure growth in prize money from the current level of about \$280 million, well above the \$80 million from 1997 when Woods won his first major at the Masters.

"I think we're in good shape," Finchem said. "We seem to have come through the worst of it in a way that

allowed us either to replace or renew virtually 100 percent of what we have.

"It was really a crisis climate for a while. Now it's a climate of uncertainty. But I think we're in a position to move forward. I think the confidence that television has showed in us is going to be another step in helping with that."

A field of 30 players, 11 from beyond US borders and Woods not among them, will compete starting Thursday at East Lake for a season points playoff prize of \$10 million at the season-ending Tour Championship.



Catcher Erik Kratz #31 of the Philadelphia Phillies tags out second baseman Stephen Lombardozzi #1 of the Washington Nationals during a game at Citizens Bank Park yesterday in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Nationals won 4-3.






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# Boley shines as Giants grab first win



Antrel Rolle #26 and Michael Boley #59 of the New York Giants celebrate after Boley returned a fumble 65-yards for a touchdown in the first quarter

EAST RUTHERFORD (AFP) - Michael Boley returned a fumble 65 yards for a touchdown to help power the New York Giants to a 28-16 victory over the winless St. Louis Rams on Monday.

Quarterback Eli Manning tossed two touchdown passes for the Giants, who evened their early season record to 1-1 after a disappointing loss to the Redskins in the season opener.

Rams quarterback Sam Bradford engineered a drive that got St. Louis into field goal range but his behind-the-scrimmage pass was dropped

by Cadillac Williams.

Boley then scooped up the ball and romped into the end zone to give the Giants a 14-6 lead with just under 11 minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Manning connected with Hakeem Nicks on a three-yard score and Domenik Hixon made a brilliant juggling catch on a 22-yard pass. Manning went 18-of-29 for 200 yards.

Rams quarterback Bradford threw one touchdown pass and Josh Brown kicked three field goals.

Bradford finished 22-of-

46 for 331 yards and the touchdown which was caught by Danario Alexander, who had three catches for 122 yards.

The victory may have been costly for the Giants as Hixon and teammate Mario Manningham both left the game with injuries. Hixon was hurt on his touchdown pass and Manningham suffered a concussion.

The winless Rams played without running back Steven Jackson, who strained the quadriceps in his right leg during a season-opening loss to the Eagles.

## TV riches drive US college gridiron realignment chaos

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Suddenly, Texas made a new TV deal for itself, too big to suit Texas A&M, which decided to opt out and join the Southeastern Conference, whose western teams were in border states Arkansas and Louisiana.

That pushed other Oklahoma and Texas schools into looking west and Syracuse and Pittsburgh into the ACC,

which can reopen its TV deals as a result.

Now leftover schools in the Big East and Big 12, colleges half a continent apart with little in common, are talking about coming together simply to keep 12 teams and a stake in the bowl hunt even without any traditional super powers of the college gridiron among

them.

ESPN reported Tuesday that Notre Dame officials would choose the ACC if they were forced into picking a conference.

The Irish are members of the Big East for all sports but American football, including a top-level basketball league that has produced plenty of NBA talent.

## Romo uncertain for Cowboys with punctured lung

DALLAS (AFP) - Tony Romo rallied the Dallas Cowboys to victory despite two broken ribs and a small lung puncture, a CT scan showed, and he might take the field on Monday when the Cowboys host arch-rival Washington.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said the lung puncture was revealed in a Monday medical exam that showed evidence of air or gas collecting around the lung, a pneumothorax. Whether Romo will be able to play next week is still uncertain.

"We'll see how that goes," Jones said. "He will be monitored extremely closely. We'll just have to see how it goes. It has everything to do with just his ability to handle the pain, and we know he has a bunch of it."

Romo took a hard hit on the Cowboys' game-opening drive last Sunday.

The Cowboys (1-1) took off Tuesday and Wednesday ahead of their home opener in the Monday night feature match, an extra rest day to try and ease bumps, bruises and injuries.

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## TV riches drive US college gridiron realignment chaos



NEW YORK (AFP) - US universities with top-level American football squads are realigning into super conferences, pushing aside long-time local rivalries for the sake of television riches.

The chaos comes to a head this week after Texas A&M's departure from the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference and Pittsburgh and Syracuse announcing they were leaving the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

Texas, Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State in the south-central United States could join schools along the Pacific coast in a mega-conference while northeastern US schools seek membership in the southern-oriented ACC.

"We're very fragmented," Pacific 12 commissioner Larry Scott said. "There seems to be a migration toward value and stability."

Suddenly university presidents are being forced into meetings to decide the fate of their sports programs as the Pacific 12 (West), Southeastern, Atlantic Coast and Big 10 (Midwest) conferences consider expansion to 16 schools each.

"The status quo is certainly not stable," Oklahoma University president David Boren said. "That's one of the things we're weighing: Can it be made stable?"

"We're listening with respect to each other at this point in time, but it's too early to tell whether we'll make a common decision or not."

Groups of schools were pushed into growing to 12 teams when the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) allowed conferences that large to stage an extra championship game, which added lucrative television rights fees.

Small schools struggled to fight their way into the big-money post-season bowl games, eventually winning a chance at TV riches under threats of scrutiny from US lawmakers.

Notre Dame signed its own gridiron TV deal with NBC, telecasts of the Fighting Irish home games proving popular enough to justify the move. Notre Dame is a non-aligned gridiron independent, allowing it to keep all the money.

Many conferences share their bounty among all schools, long-time American football powers realizing they need even their long-time loser cousins among geographic rivals in order to schedule a full season.

The Big Ten, which has 12 schools after adding Nebraska this year and Penn State many years ago, created its own television network to carry gridiron games not shown by networks and boost attention for other sports. The Pacific-12 followed suit.

But then came this year's creation of the Longhorn Network, a 20-year deal for

\$300 million between the University of Texas and ESPN that began to alienate the Big 12 rivals of Texas.

The Big 12 was just ad-

justing after the loss of Nebraska and Colorado, which joined Utah in creating the Pacific-12. A new \$1.2 billion television deal helped

keep the league together, but not with equal money for all members.

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